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Situation Report Winter Storm Event January 29, 2009 5:00 PM

UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

A Canadian cold front pushed into Missouri Monday, mixing with Gulf moisture and creating some hazardous weather conditions. There have been five fatalities reported in weather-related accidents throughout the state. Officials report power is out on more than 117,050 meters across Missouri. National Weather Service indicated that areas in South Missouri had received from ½ to 1" of freezing rain. Other areas had up to 4" of sleet and other areas had up to 7" of snow the further north in Missouri.

SEMA has activated the State EOC to a level two activation. Appropriate State agencies have reported to the State EOC and have received their initial assignments.

Power outages - Utilities:

Ameren UE – 35, 000 meters are without power, primarily is southeast Missouri. **1,800 contractors and 1,100 linemen are already working to restore power with more coming into the area. An estimated 800 poles or more are down due to the storm.**

Empire Electric – Less than 50 meters in and around Branson are without power.

Missouri Electric Cooperatives – Several cooperatives are reporting **57,000** meters without power. 200-300 linemen from other areas have been called in to assist with more on the way. Over a thousand poles are down, in addition to transmission lines. The New Madrid Plant is down, but they hoped to have one unit up this afternoon. They are receiving power from the grid.

Missouri Public Utilities Association - **An estimated 25,000 meters remain without power.**

Counties/Cities Reports:

Barry County – Central Dispatch reports all roads are dangerous and traffic that is moving is doing so very slowly. Two shelters are open and others are on stand-by. Some power outages still in the Shell Knob area. County EOC remains on stand-by.

Bollinger County – Mostly sleet with 3-4 inches on ground. No significant power outages. Emergency vehicles are primary concern on the highways.

Butler County – Reporting about 80% of population without power. Animal sheltering assistance being requested.

Camden County – Received some ice covered by up to ¾ inch sleet/light snow mix. Road conditions remain dangerous. No power outages reported and no shelters open at this time. EOC is monitoring conditions. Disaster partnership members are on stand-by.

Cape Girardeau County – Power outages in the southern part of the county – about 400 meters out of service.

Carter County – **Power out in Grandin since Monday night. No water or sewer and power is out in surrounding area. Warming center is being set up there. Working with PSC to see if generator is needed in Grandin. Travel is still difficult in the area. Concerns over status of Hwy 21. Limited EOC operations.**

Christian County – Some ‘slide offs’ Monday night. One fatality accident occurred that was weather related. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Crawford County – Wintry mix of precipitation reported. No power outages and no requests for assistance.

Douglas County – **Still a few power outages.** No requests for assistance at this time. EOC is on standby.

Dunklin County – The Cities of Campbell, Clarkton and Kennett are without power; Malden had occasional outages. **One shelter opened in Kennett and is full. Looking to open another.**

Howell County – Freezing rain and sleet left 200 homes without power. Roads are hazardous, but passable. No requests for assistance at this time. City of West Plains reports no outages and no major problems. **One shelter has been set up in the city.**

Madison County – **No power outages and crews are working to clear roads.** Primary roads are passable, secondary roads are covered with freezing rain/sleet.

McDonald County – Icy roads and some ‘slide-offs’. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Mississippi County – Two shelters are open in East Prairie, which also has outages. Significant damage throughout Mississippi County. City of Charleston is without power – need shelter assistance for nursing home. Need National Guard assets for debris removal and welfare checks. Also need fuel for generators.

New Madrid County – Some outages in the Cities of Lilbourn, Parma and Matthews. Significant damage throughout the county. Almost 100% of county without power. **Need for generators and food.** At least six warming centers open. City of Portageville – No electricity and no water. Food stocks are low and the need is great. **A shelter is opening there and another is being readied.**

Oregon County – **Cities of Thayer and Alton still have some power outages.** One shelter is open. Numerous limbs, poles and lines down.

Ozark County – Several undetermined outages reported in rural parts of county. **About 3,000 residents are without power. One shelter is open.**

Pemiscot County – **County has 100% power loss and conditions are worsening. Loss of water supply and need for generators the biggest concerns.** Huge amount of damage, no water, lots of pole damage therefore no power. City of Caruthersville is operating out of their EOC

Ripley County – Main roads are clear with some power outages. **One shelter is open.** Naylor is 100% without power and City of Doniphan has about 75% of the City without power.

St. Francois County - No reports of power outages. One fatality accident occurred Monday night. Warming shelter and special-needs shelters are on stand-by. EOC is partially activated.

Ste. Genevieve County- Sleet being reported and roads are a bit hazardous. No outages reported. No requests for assistance.

Scott County – Sikeston had one business closed due to roof failure. Some power lines are down in the city and traffic signals are out. Need water supplies and generator for the water system. City of Sikeston power is starting to come back up. They are looking for generators for nursing homes with power failures. Need staff assistance for the local hospital. **Reporting 300 people in the city's shelter and 80 in special needs shelter.**

Shannon County – About 6” of sleet reported but no power outages at this time and no requests for assistance.

Stoddard County – Sporadic outages in Dexter and other parts of county. Warming center opened at Parklane Gymnasium. Health Department has activated mass casualty trailer. EOC is open. Three generators needed for the water supply system. Need fuel for shelter generators as well as food and water for same.

Stone County – Large area in southern part of county reportedly without power (approximately 1200). **One shelter has been opened in Kimberling City.**

Taney County – Icy roads and some accidents. No requests for assistance at this time. Two shelters are on standby. Very few homes without power. Debris clearance is a priority.

Texas County – Ice with sleet on top. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Webster County – Lots of ‘slide-offs’ Monday night. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

Wright County –**Some parts of the county had 6” of ice accumulation. Roads are still being cleared.** No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

State Agencies:

ESF-1 Transportation - Missouri Department of Transportation – Crews continue to work on affected roads and assess damage along secondary roads. As a request from the State of Arkansas, Highway 63 between Thayer and Mammoth Springs has been closed. I-55 still has some partially-covered spots but is improving. I-44 is now mostly clear. Some closures have resulted from power lines over the road. Moving resources from other parts of the state. Salt is another resource that has been moved around.

ESF-2 Communications – MSHP Communications reports one repeater is down in Dunklin County. Working to get generators to tower sites which have been operating on battery power.

ESF-3 Public Works – DNR/Water is working to assist PSC in getting water utilities. They are issuing information on disinfecting water. **Conservation has chainsaw crews out working in Ozark and Taney Counties.**

ESF-4 Fire and Rescue - Missouri State Fire Marshal indicates 15 firefighters have been sent to affected areas under mutual aid. **Also providing assistance with Incident Support Team in New Madrid County and wellness checks in Ozark County.**

ESF-5 Emergency Management - SEMA is at level two activation and the State EOC is on a 24-hour staffing pattern.

ESF-6 Human Services - Missouri Department of Social Services is working with local jurisdictions to accurately track shelters being opened and possible needs resulting from that.

ESF-7 Logistics – Providing generator support. Local jurisdictions need to provide a properly trained electrician. Fuel needs also need to be coordinated after installation. Department of Corrections (DOC) community supervision center in Kennett is on generator power; the community supervision center in Poplar Bluff is operating on normal power. DOC Southeast Correctional Center in Charleston is on generator power. DOC community supervision center in Kennett will be used as a shelter for linemen. There are 30 beds available as they're no offenders in residence at this time.

ESF- 8 Public Health – Department of Health and Senior Services has the Disaster Situation Room ramped up. **They are monitoring hospitals, long-term care facilities, local public health agencies, and senior and disabled clients. Assisting Sikeston hospital with staffing needs.** Put out news releases on chainsaw safety and generator safety. **Dept. of Mental Health assisting issues with local healthcare providers as needed.**

ESF-10 Hazardous Materials – DNR –EER is monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

ESF-11 Agriculture – Dept. of Agriculture is monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

ESF-12 Energy – DNR Energy reports **Route N has been cleared in Scott County, allowing access into a fuel depot. They are working to make sure fuel will be available for distribution in the affected area.**

ESF-13 Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol has troopers assisting local jurisdictions as requested, working accidents and keeping highways cleared of accidents. **MSHP is sending 25 officers and a helicopter, while Missouri State Water Patrol is sending four officers, to assist in Mississippi, Pemiscot and Scott counties.** Department of Conservation has a couple of officers assisting local jurisdictions and can take on additional assignments.

ESF-14 Long Term Recovery – No report as this time.

ESF-15 Public Affairs - Fielding calls from National networks and issuing press releases.

ESF-16 Missouri National Guard – Liaison officers are being dispatched and more soldiers are being called up and ready for assist local jurisdictions.

Volunteer Agencies:

United Way – 211 – Up and running and taking calls.

American Red Cross – Assisting with Shelter requests. Need specifics for opening shelter...cots, meals and water numbers would assist in getting them up and running.

AmeriCorps Volunteers – Two people dispatched to SEOC to support ESF-6. About 40 others are deploying to Butler County to provide assistance.

Civil Air Patrol – Ground, air and communications assets remain on alert and will respond if needed.

Convoy of Hope - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed

Salvation Army – Assisting in feeding operations at Joplin shelter and at other sites, as needed.

County Shelter Summary (As of 1/28/09 @ 1300 hrs.)

County	# of Shelters	Current Population
Barry	2	0
Butler	3	60
Cape Girardeau	2	0
Dunklin	1	0
Howell	2	8
Jasper	1	0
New Madrid	3	0
Oregon	1	0
Ozark	1	0
Pemiscot	1	50
Ripley	2	44
Scott	3	380
Stoddard	5	0
Stone	1	1
Total	28	141

Weather:

National Weather Service (St. Louis) reports skies are clearing across the state from west to east. The winter storm has moved out of the state and high temperatures will slowly start to climb over the next few days. No significant precipitation is expected through the week and into the weekend. High temperatures will climb up at least into the 40s by Saturday.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed until further notice on a 24-hour basis.